

## CURRENT COMMENT.

CHICAGO'S new library building, erected at a cost of nearly \$5,000,000, is almost ready for occupancy.

SEVEN states—Massachusetts, New Jersey, Ohio, Iowa, Maryland, Kentucky and Mississippi—elect governors in November.

CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARIAN SPOFFORD said that his accounts would never have got tangled had he not been overworked with work.

DR. REILLY, of the Chicago board of health, recently declared that as a result of excessive bicycling the deaths from nervous diseases in that city had been tripled.

A RECORD kept by a Rhode Island paper makes the annual number of homicides in this country over 10,000. The number in the United Kingdom, with half our population, is only 500.

It has been predicted that before long the sunflower will come into general cultivation in this country. As a plant it has no superior for rapid growth and prolific yield of seed, leaves and stalk, all of which could be utilized.

DEUELING in Mexico has received a severe blow in the verdict against Col. Romero, who has been sentenced to hard labor for three years and four months, and to pay the family of the man he killed the sum of \$4,500 annually for eighteen years.

AN artesian well is to be sunk to a depth of 2,500 feet near Holyoke, Col., in the hope of obtaining a free flow of water. The state legislature appropriated \$5,000 for the experiment. If it should prove a failure many settlers in eastern Colorado will seek new homes.

AFTER almost five years of work and the expenditure of over \$3,000,000, Niagara falls has finally been harnessed, and the power generated by the monster 5,600 horsepower dynamo of the Cataract Construction Co. are now sending out the electricity for commercial use.

OWING to the low price of horses incident to the general use of bicycles and electric power, large shipments of horses were being made from Baltimore, Md., to European markets. The steamship lines said this promised to compensate them for the falling off of cattle exports, owing to the foreign exclusion of American cattle.

MISS ANNIE LONDONBERRY, a Boston cyclist, is making a trip around the world on her wheel. Fourteen months ago Miss Londonderry left Boston to go round the world in fifteen months. She started without a cent of money and was attired in paper suit. She was to earn her expense money without begging, borrowing or stealing. Recently she rode into Omaha, Neb., having covered 9,490 miles of her journey and with nearly thirty days to make the remaining distance. If she arrives in time she is to get \$5,000.

THE lot of the farmers of England is said to be not an enviable one. For years the agricultural industry of that country has been depressed and the conditions this year are reported to be the worst for a long time. It is said that every crop runs far below the average and that land is steadily going out of cultivation in England, the farmers being unable to face the low prices and foreign competition and being also harassed by high rents and restrictions upon methods of agriculture.

THE London Telegraph said that 130,000 Americans had passed through London since last January and it was estimated that in London alone they had spent \$20,000,000. The number of Americans who have visited Europe this summer was almost incalculable. It was stated that there were 30,000 Americans in England at any one time waiting for an opportunity to secure passage on the overcrowded steamers, and even the berths in the cattle ships had been engaged for weeks ahead by tourists.

THE great topic of discussion in railroad circles recently was the railway races from London to Aberdeen and back. The great companies took the initiative and did the distance, 540 miles, at the rate of a mile a minute throughout. These companies thus made a new world's record, while completely smashing the record held for the past three years by the Empire state express from New York to Buffalo. The east route companies then improved on this time, and finally the west coast did 540 miles in 513 minutes, or a mile in 54.4 seconds.

It is a very difficult but highly interesting undertaking which M. Mantois has in view for the Paris exhibition of 1900. He proposes to construct a telescope nearly 300 feet long, with an objective glass more than 4 1/2 feet in diameter. By means of this enormous lens he hopes to bring the moon, to all intents and purposes, within 6 miles of the gray French capital, and to be able to throw the image of the moon, as it would look at that distance, upon a screen, night after night, in a hall crowded with spectators. The idea of viewing at close range a lunar landscape is very interesting.

THE New York Times says: While it is almost an impossibility to give anything like a correct statement of what the output of bicycles will be this year, it is by common consent spoken of as between 400,000 and 500,000 wheels. A majority of close observers in the trade would doubtless fix the figures at 550,000. Such a large number of wheels represents an enormous outlay, particularly when it is calculated that each wheel sells for an average of \$65. At this rate the sum produced is \$36,250,000. This has been the most phenomenal season the bicycle trade has ever known.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

## Gleaned By Telegraph and Mail.

## PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

UNITED STATES SENATOR WHITE said that Labor Commissioner Fitzgerald, of San Francisco, had asked him to introduce in congress a bill similar to the Chinese exclusion act, which shall exclude Japanese, and that he had promised to do so if Fitzgerald would furnish the data to prove that Japanese were seriously injuring American labor.

A CABLEGRAM from Ambassador Eustis received at the state department on the 29th reported the return to Paris of the ambassador's two deputies, Newton B. Eustis and Mr. Alexander, who had been sent to Clairvaux prison to see ex-convict Waller. They took Mr. Waller's deposition, containing a full statement of his trial and conviction by the French military court at Farnsburg.

ROBERT FITZSIMMONS has commenced regular training for the coming championship fight with James J. Corbett at his little cottage on the seashore at Coney Island, N. Y.

AN important order giving full protection to foreign consumers of American meat products was issued by Secretary Morton at Washington on the 29th. It will prevent the exportation of any beef that is not inspected, and will cause the exporters of horse meat to mark the packages that the nature of the contents shall be apparent. The order goes into effect September 16.

RECENT cable advices from Minister Dwyer stated that Chinese officials were lending their aid in the investigations into the massacre of Christians at Ku Cheng, and already several convictions had been made.

AN evening paper at Buffalo, N. Y., recently declared that ex-Postmaster General William Bissell had been offered by President Cleveland the place on the United States supreme court bench vacant by the death of Judge Jackson. The paper added that it was not likely that Mr. Bissell would accept.

A RECENT dispatch from Washington said that the utterances of E. C. Benedict on the subject of retiring greenbacks was being considered of much significance in political circles there. It was thought that he expressed the views of President Cleveland on the matter. Senator Hill, of New York, was also said to favor the idea. Silver men were anxious to know what the probable new departure was in its entirety.

JUSTICE BREWER's speech was the main feature of the American Bar association's meeting at Detroit, Mich., on the 29th. He appealed for much needed changes in the administration of justice. The committee on patent law reported adversely to any general revision of acts in their line, but recommended various specific amendments. The committee on law reporting urged more simplicity and uniformity in methods, and state supervision of the making of reports was recommended.

THE secretary of the treasury has extended the time for filing sugar bounty claims from September 1 to October 1.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OPEN house was the order of the day at Boston on the 28th and the latch strings of all commanderies were on the outside. At the meeting of the grand encampment the grand recorder and grand treasurer made their reports. The total membership in the order of Knights Templar was 106,770. The drill at the baseball grounds drew a large crowd.

DETAILS have been received at Constantinople of the recent attack made by a band of Bulgarians upon the Mohammedan village of Dospat, across the Turkish frontier, in the Rhodope mountains. The attack, it appeared, occurred at dawn, and while the villagers were asleep. The Bulgarians used dynamite bombs and set fire to the houses when the inhabitants tried to escape. Men, women and children, it was claimed, were killed indiscriminately, and, according to one version of the affair, 300 persons perished.

THE Dawes commission will meet at South McAlester, I. T., September 4. It was the general opinion of the members of the commission that an arrangement could be secured with the Indians that would lead to the ownership of township property. This would be a basis for limited taxation for those living in the towns and afford some school and other advantages of civilization. The whole plan had not been worked out by the commission in detail, but the idea will be perfected when on the ground.

A MON of 250 men broke into the county jail at Fresno, Cal., at 1 o'clock on the morning of the 29th and hanged four murderers in the courthouse park. The victims were named respectively Johnson, Semler, Null and Moreno.

THREE children of Henry Johnson and wife, colored, living in the country near Mexico, Tex., were burned to death in their home while their parents were at church.

INSECT LIFE, the monthly entomological bulletin issued by the agricultural department at Washington, has been discontinued and two series of bulletins will take its place.

AT Newport, R. I., on the 27th W. F. Hovey met R. D. Wrenn to decide the national tennis championship. Hovey won in three straight sets, the score being 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

AT Massport, Long Island, on the 26th, George Lavigne, the "Saginaw Kid," knocked out Jimmy Handley, of Newark, N. J., in the fifth round.

## ARMY DEFICIENCY.

## Due to Lack of Appropriation by Congress of Certain Funds.

## IS SHORT FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

## Secretary Lammont Thought Some of Helping Out but Friends Caution Him—Cuban Arms Seized—France Calls It Treason.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Secretary Lammont has been seriously considering but it is not true that he has decided personally to advance the amount of the deficiency in the appropriation for pay for the officers and men of the army for the last fiscal year, amounting to \$500,000. The secretary has advised him in the department have advised him against taking the risk which would be involved in making the advance. The secretary would only say when questioned about the matter that he would make good the deficiency. This is understood by others in the department that he has not yet reached a conclusion.

There is a prospect for a army deficiency of about \$300,000 for the current year. A large part of this will be due to the abolition by congress of the pay of recruits and the passage of a law at the last session requiring the payment of the amount withheld without making adequate provision in the appropriation bill for this payment. About \$90,000 had been accumulated in this fund when it was laid out.

CHINESE INDIENMY.

State department officials say China's agreement to pay France 4,000 francs indemnity on account of the anti-missionary riots at Canton, China, is a fact that France decided to prosecute her claim alone and independently of the United States and Great Britain. The French had large property interests in that section and the sum agreed upon is considered an entirely reasonable settlement of the claims of this country and of England, which are being represented jointly, but say the point has not yet been reached in those negotiations where the amount of indemnity could be argued.

CUBAN ARMS SEIZED.

THE treasury department today received a telegram from Collector of Customs at Havana, Cuba, Florida, saying that at the request of the Spanish consul at Tampa he had seized at a point twenty miles from Cedar Key, Fla., a quantity of arms and cartridges and eleven kegs of powder which were to have been shipped to Cuba.

## GOOD ALL-PURPOSE SHIP.

## Commander of the Monterey Says She's All Right as a Cruiser.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 31.—The coast defense vessel Monterey, arrived today from Peru. She has been cruising along the South American coast since her departure from this port on April 11. Captain Randall, of Chicago, is in command of the vessel, and is well pleased with the behavior of his ship in the capacity of a scout vessel. He has observed the construction of the Monterey is essentially that of a coast defense vessel being very heavy and low in water, and returning by five minutes and twelve seconds, when she could have crossed the finish line anywhere from eight to ten minutes ahead of Vigilant. She has been sailed for all she was worth. Vigilant on the other hand was sailed as she always is, in the most sportsmanlike manner. Whitehead appeared here and there, but there were no other boats that could be called heavy or even cunning.

THE American committee formerly decided at a meeting held at the committee's boat this evening that they had selected the Defender to meet Valkyrie for the American cup.

THE race today between Defender and Vigilant was ten miles along the Long Island coast and return. Defender started at 12:50:15; Vigilant at 12:50:30; Defender finished at 12:55:30; Vigilant finished at 12:55:30. Defender finished at 2:05; Vigilant at 2:10.

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## KINGFISHER COLLEGE IS A FACT.

## Does into Operation Next Monday with a Full Force of Instructors.

KINGFISHER, Ok., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—Kingfisher college is an assured fact. Monday will witness its opening. Crop failures, hard winds and financial depression have not deterred the indefatigable individuals who have given their time and means, have simply furnished a degree of desperation necessary to the carrying out of the plan. Monday morning will witness the full fruition of their hopes. Kingfisher will henceforth be the educational center of the land of the fair god. This institution is organized under the auspices of the territorial association of Congregational churches, but the fact of the location here, and its assured success in the face of the unprecedented hard times is due to the untiring efforts of Rev. H. Parker, seconded by such leading citizens of Kingfisher as Hon. William Grimes, Peter Brough and the able editor of the Kingfisher Free Press, Hon. J. V. Adair.

THE new college starts out with an able corps of instructors, thoroughly imbued with the spirit of educational advancement.

THE faculty is composed of the following persons: J. T. Haus, late of Nebraska State University; Miss L. Lyons, Oberlin college; E. Enloe, Hilldale college and Chicago seminary; Miss Winifred Parker, Moody school, Northfield, Mass.; Rev. H. H. Dean, College of Music, Cincinnati, O.

## CHOLERA RAGING IN HAWAII.

## Steamer Monowai Reported to Have Died from the Disease.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 31.—The steamer Monowai, which arrived here from Honolulu, reported to have died from the disease. When off that port the steamer was hailed by the American consul in a letter, who announced that cholera had broken out in Honolulu. Among the natives and Chinese the disease has been raging since the steamer left on her last trip. It is presumed the disease was brought by that vessel. The Monowai did not return for five minutes and twelve seconds, when she could have crossed the finish line anywhere from eight to ten minutes ahead of Vigilant. She has been sailed for all she was worth. Vigilant on the other hand was sailed as she always is, in the most sportsmanlike manner. Whitehead appeared here and there, but there were no other boats that could be called heavy or even cunning.

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## America's Cup Committee Makes Decision After the Last Race.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The third so-called trial race between Defender and Vigilant which took place today was a good deal of a farce. Defender won over a course of ten miles to windward and return by five minutes and twelve seconds, when she could have crossed the finish line anywhere from eight to ten minutes ahead of Vigilant. She has been sailed for all she was worth. Vigilant on the other hand was sailed as she always is, in the most sportsmanlike manner. Whitehead appeared here and there, but there were no other boats that could be called heavy or even cunning.

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## TROUBLE AT HENNESSEY.

## Postmaster McShea of Hennessey is Scored by Editor Frishman.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—War is on over the McShea matter at Hennessey again. For some time Hennessey has been divided on this case, so much so in fact that during the preliminary trial of McShea both sides cheered the evidence alternately.

McShea is postmaster at Hennessey. He is charged with assaulting a woman, who has since died. Last week Joseph Frishman purchased the Hennessey Free Democrat. The result is given in the editor's language as follows, so far as his editorial duties conflict with Postmaster McShea:

"Before going into details of the case we will state the plain facts of the affair. When we purchased this paper, or rather the day before we went to McShea and asked him to sell the paper, and also stated that we would keep personalities out of the paper knowing as we did about his late troubles, and said we intended to give every one a square deal. During the conversation he stated that there was a postage bill of about four dollars against the paper which we said we would pay, leaving McShea as in seeming good humor. But here came the crisis, on last Tuesday forenoon McShea came to our office and presented us with a bill of \$4.52, of which only \$1.02 was postage, which we paid and have received, but refused to pay the back box rent which was owed by our predecessor, and which according to the postal laws should have been collected in advance. Not being satisfied with the paying of the back postage he became very indignant and told us that he would not rent us a postoffice box until the bill was paid. We offered to pay him in advance for a box but he refused saying that he had no more boxes to rent to the Press-Democrat in the future, so now we are compelled to step up to the little pigeon hole and ask for our mail like the rest of the folks who have no box. The fact that we get a number of exchanges and an occasional letter makes it rather inconvenient, and we would much rather pay for and own a box."

## THE EDITOR THE GOES ON TO GIVE McSHEA THE MOST RABBIT ROASTING THAT OKLAHOMA HAS READ IN MANY A DAY.

One of the passages of the Press-Democrat is as follows:

"Less than three months ago this unprincipled scoundrel was tried in the justice court for the offense of rape, robbery and murder, and most damning and convincing evidence was produced in a manner that was fully convincing to the jury, and he was over in the sum of \$1,000 bail, which he refused to give and laid in jail. Ye gods of justice, are good law abiding and respectable citizens compelled to be burdened with the privilege of allowing such a serpent of the boacoon to roam at large, and aware of the fears of respectable people, this man has made night hideous by his raids and has become a menace to common decency. The very expression on his face is enough to fill the strongest heart with fear."

THE bit of human nature that really shone in the animal kingdom as a beast of the lowest type, who does not possess the first instinct of man or even a warm impulse at heart."

## OKLAHOMA GAMBLING ARRESTS.

DEPUTY JIM YESTERDAY visited the gambling houses connected with the Turf, the Rosebud and Jones' saloons and arrested all the players and gamblers and lookouts, and confiscated their apparatus. Three big dry loads of tables were brought up to the jail, where they were stored in an empty building over Grand avenue and just before supper time the following persons lined up in order to be taken to the jail: J. W. Barnes, Riley Harding, W. B. Crane, J. A. Gordy, N. A. Turner, J. J. Gunter, Jerry Hatfield, J. D. Brown; the following were accused of "setting up a gambling house in a saloon": C. R. Jones, T. H. Dixon, Thomas Cook and J. B. Miller.

ALL furnished bond before being taken to the court on September 7, and were released.

THE arrests are supposed to be the outcome of information sworn to by Harry Gordon, who was some days ago in custody in the justice court on a charge of having embezzled money from a layout where he was dealing, and this is further thought to be his way of playing even. He is at present in the county jail, though it is understood that his attorney has asked for his release on a writ of habeas corpus.

THE penalty for gambling should be County Attorney Brown be able to convict, is very severe—being \$100 to \$1,000 fine and from thirty days to six months imprisonment. The penalty for allowing a game to run in a saloon is \$500 fine.

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## DAWES COMMISSION TO MEET.

## Some Old Game will be tried Once More at South McAlester.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—The Dawes commission will meet at South McAlester on Wednesday next. It is possible that Chairman Dawes will not be present at the time by reason of ill health. General Armstrong, of the commission, says he is not at all satisfied by the action of the resolutions passed by the Chickasaws and Creeks, as reported in the Journal a few days ago. He does not think that the meetings held are an indication that nothing can be done by the commission this year. On the contrary, he believes that if the people can be made to understand their real interests, favorable terms can be made with them this year in time to report to congress the coming session. It is the general opinion of the members of the commission that the Dawes commission will be secured with the Indians that will lead to the ownership of township property. This will form a basis for limited taxation for those living in the towns and afford some school and other advantages of civilization. The plan proposed will be to have a commission appointed, unless the present one can be secured, to take value town property, and let the occupants buy up their holdings on this basis. And if the same thing the law will provide for securing land for other township locations, which will give an opportunity for settlers to secure land on a basis of their own. The while plan has not been worked out by the commission in detail; it has only been discussed in a general way, but it is believed that it will be when on the ground. It is desired by the members of the commission to have a report ready by the 1st of December and submit it to congress.

## FULFILLED A GRIEWOM PROMISE.

## Mr. Twain Preaches a Funeral Sermon for His Contract.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Aug. 29.—Seven years ago J. N. Caldwell, residing several miles south of town, and General Twain, of this city, made a gruesome wager. Caldwell bet that he would outlive Twain, and a compact was entered into between the two men that the one should preach the other's funeral. Last Sunday Caldwell died after a brief illness. The funeral was held Monday, and General Twain, true to his promise, conducted the sad rites and delivered a warm tribute over the casket of his deceased friend. The funeral was largely attended.

## TIRE OF LIFE.

## Oklahoma Man Commits Suicide in Leavenworth, Kansas.

LEAVENWORTH, Aug. 29.—(Special.)—A stranger tired of life committed suicide in the city Monday. But nothing was known about his having done so until yesterday afternoon. The name of the stranger was not known, but his home was in Kildare, O. T.

Very little is known about Churchill here, as he has only been in the city a short time. He was going around with a veteran, dressed in citizens clothes, and that he acted very queerly at times. Churchill's conduct did not suit the police and they had him at headquarters Monday forenoon.

He did not seem to be a crook and showed letters that gave him a good reputation and said that he was going to leave town, when he was released. Nothing has been heard of him since and the police thought he had departed.

## TOOK POISON MONDAY.

FROM all that can be learned he went to his room at Messie's hotel at Sixth and Delaware streets on Monday evening and took a dose of morphine.

Nothing was seen or heard of him until yesterday afternoon when one of the boarding house proprietors told him that he was in Kildare, O. T.

He was about 35 years old and that he was well dressed. He was a native of Iowa and had been a workman and did not state his occupation to the police.

A coroner's jury was summoned and viewed the body and today they will hear testimony bearing on the death.

Owing to the bad condition of the body, it was placed in a coffin and sent out to Mount Muncie cemetery last evening, where it will be kept until his body can be heard from. She was telegraphed to by Coroner McGill last night.

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## MINOR OKLAHOMA NOTES.

Cotton picking is now in progress in Lincoln county.

It is said that at Chandler one of the commissioners is on trial for rape.

Is the crane wanted? A young lady at Perry advises her bicycle for sale.

The Guthrie Building and Loan association gives 16 per cent premium on its money.

A man with a name that cannot be pronounced has arrived at Guthrie to give music lessons.

There is a cucumber in Payne county 58 inches long, and is reckoned to be of 6-bellyache power.

The railroads are offering special rates to Ponca City on the day when Mrs. Lease makes a speech there.

For some reason that Methodist church South and the Methodist North in Oklahoma refused to unite.

Territorial Treasurer Turner is now trying to see how his pass will work as far out as Manitou, Colo.